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Ca. 94970
Dec.16, 1969

Mr. John F. McInnes, Chairman,
Marin County Board of Supervisors,
Civic Center,
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. McInnes:

I returned from the meeting of the Board of Supervisors today with great concern.

I retired in Stinson Beach nine years ago, primarily, like most residents, led by the beauty of the area to which Bolinas Lagoon contributes a great deal. Soon, with others, I was concerned about the activities of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, especially their massive plans for development. In this regard I place myself with conservationists who would like to preserve the best of our natural environment, now supported by nationwide interest in ecology, and against developers of such areas, the only result of whose effort can be too many people reducing to zero the desirable features of an area which originally enticed their victims.

For five years I attended most meetings of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. At first it was apparent that a lay committee is totally at a loss in dealing with a complex problem, and later that they were in the grip of their employee, Mr. Norman Gilroy, and that they were totally at a loss as to the implications of his plans as he confused them with technical terms. After his work culminated in a grandiose plan, local citizens in Bolinas and Stinson Beach became concerned, opposed the plan vigorously and later, through the tortuous process of the local agency formation commission, your board, petitions and a special election, and finally through legislation of the State of California the Board of Harbor Commissioners was abolished. I was proud of this evidence that the electorate really can speak.

In turning this responsibility toward the county, we had in mind that responsible and appropriate heads of county departments such as the Park and Recreation Commission or the County Planning Commission would assume major responsibility, perhaps with some advice from a subsidiary local committee which would, however, be essentially powerless.

Imagine my concern today-- to find that a committee was to be appointed before any report had been received either from your departments or from the private group correlating previous reports. To find that this committee represented NO ONE LOCAL PERSON who had worked so hard to effect this transfer to the county; rather that enemies of the plan, including two former members of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, are to be rewarded by appointment to the committee. A sop is thrown toward the Audubon Society and the Marin Conservation League by appointment

of their chairmen of these organizations, thus effecting their silence but no doubt to provide an appearance of fairness. They cannot be effective; this is a stacked committee including one appointee who lobbied in the legislature against the trnsfer.

We did not work to buy an emasculated Board of Harbor Commissioners in the guise of a committee. We know the county has competent staff and we assume that you will use them. If they need augmentation through a local citizens committee, they will inform you.

That you may not think me unknowledgeable as to how government can successfully administer public affairs, may I say that I have had more than 29 years of experience in local and state government in California, with the federal government and with international agencies.

I cannot bear to think that we must again prepare to attend meetings and " watch " what goes on regarding our vital interests. Cannot we trust that our county government is more sensitive to the will of the people than was evidenced xxxxx today?

Very truly yours,

Aleta Brownlee

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December 19, 1969

Mrs. Aleta Brownlee
Box 213
Stinson Beach, Calif. 94970

Dear Mrs. Brownlee:

Thank you for your letter of December 16th indicating your obvious genuine concern for the future development of the Bolinas Lagoon. Certainly I have not been as close to the situation of the lagoon for these past years as you have but I want to express the belief that the situation in relation to the appointed committee is not as unfair ("stacked" is the term you used) as you suggest.

In such situations as this I believe you know it is standard procedure for the Board of Supervisors to appoint advisory committees. We have one, for instance, in each of the flood control zones throughout the County. Their function is advisory only to the Board and the makeup of the committee normally is to afford representation to the variation of viewpoints that come to bear on the committees area of concern. Thus the appointment and makeup of this advisory committee follows the long established policy of Marin County's Board of Supervisors.

The working end of the County's operation in developing a plan for Bolinas Lagoon will be the working departments of the County itself. In this function there is no question in my mind but that the County Planner, Director of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation will play their full role. The actual direction will be by the Board of Supervisors itself and the advisory committee will provide response to the developing situation or questions assigned it by the Board of Supervisors as is its proper role.

As I mentioned in the meeting, I believe that Supervisor L. H. Baar and Supervisor Peter Arrigoni approached the develop-

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ment of the committee makeup in good objective fashion and I think in their selection of individuals they both accommodated a difficult political situation and also provided a strong committee "voice" which will reflect the varying areas of interest that arise out of Marin County as a whole.

I will refer copies of your letter and this response to both Mr. Barr and Mr. Arrigoni so that they may know of your interest. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

John F. McInnis, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Supvs. Baar
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Ouster Of Bolinas Harbor Advisor Asked Due To Trial

Bolinas attorney and property owner Thomas J. Barfield should be removed from the Bolinas Lagoon Citizens Advisory Committee because he has been testifying in opposition to the county in a condemnation suit on lagoon property.

That is the recommendation County Administrator Alan Bruce will make to the board of supervisors Tuesday.

Barfield was chairman of the defunct Bolinas Harbor District, which was dissolved by voters last year. After the county took over the lagoon, the board of supervisors named a seven-man citizens advisory committee to plan the future of the lagoon. Among the seven was Barfield, who was named chairman of the committee at its first meeting Jan. 22.

The condemnation case in which Barfield testified stems from county attempts to secure 34.5 acres of William Albright property on the west side of the lagoon, where Pine Gulch Creek enters.

A four-week trial wound up in Marin Superior Court before Judge Harold J. Haley on Feb. 27, with the jury bringing in a verdict of $153,792 as the value of the property.

Deputy County Counsel Joseph A. Forest said the highest county appraisal was $70,000, or $2,000 per acre. But Barfied took the stand for the property owner and testified the land is worth $7,500 per acre-more than twice the value set by county appraisers.

Barfield's testimony was adverse to county interests, said Bruce, in recommending Barfield's removal from the committee.

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ENDS LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Gerald Kennedy, Bishop of the United Methodist Church in the Los Angeles area, concluded a week-long lectureship yesterday at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Strawberry. He addressed the faculty and student body as well as participants in the annual Pastors and Chaplains Conference. Also on hand were Dr. H. I. Hester and his wife, who endowed the lectureship.

Youth To Help Missionaries

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (UPI)—About 450 youthful members of the Assemblies of God will devote part of their summer helping the denomination's overseas missionaries in evangelistic efforts.

The high school and college students, known as "Christ's Ambassadors," pay their own expenses when they participate in the fifth annual Assemblies of God Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) program.

Assemblies of God missionaries in Hawaii and Alaska and in several European and South and Central American countries have asked for AIM teams this year.

Many Churches

PAONIA, Colo. (AP) — Paonia in western Colorado has 16 churches, or one for about every 67 of its 1,080 residents.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
75 Park St., Fairfax
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Mecca Count

MANILA (UPI)—A total of 1,200 Filipino Moslems s igned up for the 1970 government-arranged pilgrimage to Mecca. The pilgrims were booked on a chartered ship at a charge of $450 for the round trip voyage.

Foresighted

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The City of Los Angeles was founded by a group of Spanish priests who wrote that the chosen site "has all the requisites for a large settlement."

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
San Rafael Improvement Club Building — 5th and H
Bible School 9:45, Worship 11
Evening service 7
San Rafael's Bible Church
Rev. Sam Walberg, Pastor
DIAL FOR LIFE 479-0900

FIRST METHODIST
Church of San Rafael
Fourth St. at Ross Valley Dr.
9:30 A.M. Family W

Stinson Beach, Calif.
March 8, 1970

Mr. John F. McInnis, Chairman,
Board of Supervisors of Marin County,
Suite 315, Civic Center,
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. McInnis:

I see by yesterday's Independent Journal that at your meeting on Tuesday you will consider the removal of Mr. Thomas Barfield from your Bolinas Lagoon Citizens Advisory Committee. With this the many persons here who are interested in the Lagoon will be in agreement.

In regard to a replacement you might like to consider Mrs. Frances Stewart of Horseshoe Hill, Bolinas. Mrs. Stewart was the last person elected to the Harbor Board after dissatisfaction of the community with its activities had been expressed. Mrs. Stewart was elected by a substantial majority indicating the feeling of the community since it was clear that her sentiment was for removal of the Board. In view of this her appointment would be representative of community desires.

We hope you will give serious consideration to this suggestion.

Very truly yours,

Aleta Brownlee

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March 11, 1970

Aleta Brownlee
Stinson Beach, California, 94970

Dear Mrs. Brownlee:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Board of Supervisors with regard to your suggestion for an appointee on the Bolinas Lagoon Citizens Advisory Committee.

Your letter is being called to the attention of all the Board members. However, at the meeting yesterday, March 10th, the Board acted to dissolve the Bolinas Lagoon Committee.

Very truly yours,

GEO. H. GNOSS
Clerk

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cc: All Board Members
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